Tak" a private news channel operating on Doordarshan Metro; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Matters relating to selection, continuation etc. of programmes telecast on Doordarshan come within the purview of Prasar Bharati, a statutory autonomous Corporation, and the Government do not decide upon these.

(b) Does not arise. Formulation of Common

Editorial Policy

2282. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BRAODCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a common editorial policy for its own news—bulletins and those prepared by non—Governmental ones on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether producers of "Aaj Tak" are not following Government line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) The editorial policy and content of news bulletins on Doordarshan is not determined by the Government and comes within the purview of Prasar Bharati, a statutory autonomous Corporation.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Autonomy to Prasar Bharati

2283. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several members of the Prasar Bharati Board have spoken against eroding autonomy of the Board;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions made with them; and

(c) the measures taken to give full autonomy including financial powers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) No such communication has been received from the Prasar Bharati Board.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

High power transmission centre at Ram-garh and Chauhatan in Rajastan

2284. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high power Doordarshan and A.I.R. Centres, set up in the border areas, together with the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government have received complaints regarding anti-India broadcast and telecasting by the neighbouring countries through their radio and television centres, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government had set up the high power telecasting centres at Ram-garh (Jaisalmer) and Chauhatan (Badmer) in Rajasthan due to their location in the border areas; if so, whether the target of the same is being achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) 20 High power TV Transmitters (HPTs) and 17 High Power MW Radio Transmitters are presently functioning in the border districts of the country. The state-wise details of the Radio/TV Transmitter are given in the statement. *(see* below).